

Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

Page 7, line 18: delete "switch" and replace with --current source--.

Page 7, line 19: delete "switch" and replace with --current source--.

Page 7, line 20: delete "MS" and replace with --MT--.

Page 7, line 22: delete "MS" and replace with --MT--.

In the Claims

Kindly amend the claims as follows.

Kindly cancel claim 10.

Clean Set of Claims

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1. A current source switching circuit with reduced charge injection, comprising:

- a current source;
- a transistor switch path;
- a pull-down mirror path, comprising an amplifier and a switch controlling current flow to said amplifier, in parallel with said transistor switch path operating to ensure a constant current path from said current source; and
- a first load;

wherein said transistor switch path and said pull-down mirror path operate complementary to one another to reduce said charge injection flowing to said first load during switching of current.

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11. The current source switching circuit according to claim 1, wherein said pull-down mirror path switch comprises:

- a series combination of a functional transistor with a respective compensating transistor connected to either side of said functional transistor.

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18. A method of reducing charge injection from a current source through a current switch into a load, said method comprising:

providing a pull-down mirror path in parallel with said current switch, said pull-down mirror path and said current switch operating to ensure a constant current path from said current source;

turning a switch in said pull-down mirror path on when said current switch is turned off;

amplifying current directed to said pull-down mirror path; and

turning said switch in said pull-down mirror path off when said current switch is turned on;

wherein said current switch and said pull-down mirror path operate complementary to one another to reduce said charge injection flowing to said load during switching of current flow.

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21. A method of switching a current source out from a load, said method comprising:

opening a transistor switch connecting said current source to said load; and

substantially simultaneously with said step of opening, closing a switch to a pull-down mirror path, comprising an amplifier, in parallel with said transistor switch so that current from said current source flows through said pull-down mirror path, said pull-down mirror path and said transistor switch operating complementary to one another to ensure a constant current path from said current source and to equalize a current level produced by said current source;

wherein said load receives said current flowing from said current source when current is switched from said pull-down mirror path to said load thereby reducing charge injection from said current source to said load during switching of current.

22. Apparatus for switching a current source out from a load, comprising:

means for opening a transistor switch connecting said current source to said load; and

means for closing a switch to a pull-down mirror path in parallel with said transistor switch at substantially simultaneously a same time as said means for opening opens said transistor switch so that current from said current source flows through said pull-down mirror path, said pull-down mirror path and said transistor switch operating complementary to one another to ensure a constant current path from said current source and to equalize a current level produced by said current source;

wherein said load receives said current flowing from said current source when current is switched from said pull-down mirror path to said load thereby reducing charge injection from said current source to said load during switching of current.